

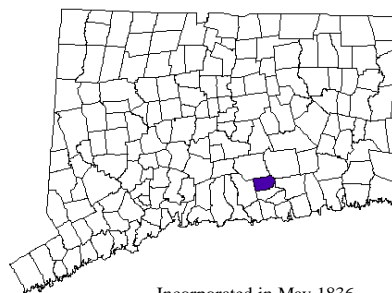
# Chester

## Connecticut

Town Office Building  
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Chester, CT 06412

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*Belongs to*  
Middlesex County  
Lower River Labor Market Area  
Middlesex County Economic Development  
Region  
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area



Incorporated in May 1836

### Demographics

<i>Population</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (1990)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	3,417	143,196	3,287,116	White	3,360	134,489	2,859,353
1995	3,500	145,090	3,289,090	Black	20	6,002	274,269
2000	3,590	146,930	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	19	1,538	50,698
2005	3,710	150,060	3,364,080	Native American	15	230	6,654
				Other	3	937	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	6.0%	3.4%	2.3%	Hispanic origin (may be of any race)	39	2,881	213,116
Land Area	16.0	369.3	4,845.4				
Population per square mile	218.3	392.9	678.8	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Households	1,289	55,548	1,237,000	Persons age 25 or older		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
				High school graduate		697	648,366
				Some College		705	495,696
				Bachelors or more		603	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	<b>0-4</b>	<b>5-14</b>	<b>15-34</b>	<b>35-49</b>	<b>50-64</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>Total</b>
Male	7%	14%	23%	29%	16%	11%	1,673
Female	6%	14%	22%	27%	12%	18%	1,827
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

### Economics

<i>Number of Establishments (1995)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Top Ten Assessments (1994)</i>	
Manufacturing	10	302	6,068	1. Chester Woods, Inc.	\$11,702,630
Services	53	1,581	39,011	2. Kotchen William J	3,076,050
Trade - Retail	22	929	20,251	3. Bates Susan Inc.	3,034,550
Trade - Wholesale	8	323	9,858	4. CT Water Company	2,897,400
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10	266	8,809	5. Leiberman Margaret C.	2,314,300
Total Establishments	141	4,445	104,409	6. Whelen Engineering Co Inc.	2,183,930
Per Capita Income	\$28,625	\$28,252	\$30,303	7. Whelen Aviation Llc	1,945,590
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$12,997	\$27,231,413		8. Roto Frank Of America Inc.	1,943,610
				9. Chester Precision	1,797,800
				10. CT Water Company	1,777,820
				As % of Grand List	10.7

### Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K-6, 7-12 (in Regional District 4)

1994-1995 School Year

	<i>Regional</i>
Total students	349 774
Total expenditures per pupil	\$7,351 \$9,233
Average teacher's salary	\$42,915 \$45,550
Students attending public school	89.7 % 0.9
Students in extended day kindergarten	3
Graduates attending four year college	52.1 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>
Reading	61.0	76.0	69.7
Math	63.6	71.4	60.1
Writing	66.7	93.5	73.2
<i>Average Class Size</i>			
Kindergarten	19.0	Grade 5 16.7	High School 18.3
Grade 2	14.7	Grade 7 18.6	

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### Government

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1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$5,428,476	Equalized Grand List	\$305,322,941
Total revenue	\$5,663,629	Education	\$3,544,089	Per capita	\$86,298
Tax revenue	\$4,560,369	Other	\$1,884,387	As % of state average	110.3
Non-tax revenue	\$1,103,260	Total Indebtness	\$3,798,950	Date of last revaluation	10/1/89
Intergovernmental	16.7%	As % of expenditures	70.0	Moody's Bond Rating	A
Per capita tax	\$1,289	Per capita	\$1,074	Actual mill rate	16.59
As % of state average	64.6	As % of state average	55.7	Equalized mill rate	14.85
		Annual Debt Service	\$488,540	Voting districts	1
		As % of expenditures	9		

### Housing

1994							
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
Existing Units (total)	1,462	63,764	1,351,825	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
% Single unit detached	82.1	72.4	62.4	Less than \$75,000	8	542	11,328
New Permits Authorized (total)	20	626	9,439	\$75,001-\$150,000	29	1,083	19,828
% Single unit detached	100.0	96.0	80.6	\$150,001-\$250,000	23	629	11,132
As % of Existing Units	1.4	1.0	0.7	\$250,001-\$400,000	6	104	4,662
				\$400,001 or more	2	48	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	68	2,406	50,087				
Average price	\$164,952	\$136,537	\$171,382				
Median price	\$142,500	\$125,000	\$126,000				

### Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	1,957	80,256	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	1,875	75,966	1,630,000	1. Chester	397	Chester	397
Unemployed	82	4,290	96,000	2. Deep River	232	Essex	253
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	5.3%	5.6%	3. East Haddam	91	Old Saybrook	183
				4. Westbrook	75	Middletown	121
Total Employment	1,780	61,810	1,538,980	5. Haddam	73	Westbrook	95
Manufacturing	580	12,280	270,250	6. Killingworth	73	Deep River	95
				7. Essex	65	Clinton	64
				8. Old Lyme	55	East Haddam	38
				9. Madison	45	Madison	37
				10. Wallingford	44	Hartford	36

### Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>		
Miles to State Capitol	30		Total books and serials	13,490	Electric Company		
Visitor Attractions	4	488	Weekly hours open	29	CT Light and Power		
Banks	3	1,188	Circulation per capita	8.8	Typical basic rate		
Lodging	1	467	Crime rate (1994)		\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh		
Number of units	42	26,540	per 1,000 residents	11.0	Typical heat rate		
Day Care Facilities	3	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	1	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh		
			Total beds	275	Gas Company		
					No Natural Gas Service		
					Typical rate		
							N/A